



Identification Card Benefits and Privileges For Surviving Dependents of Reserve Members

Identification Card Benefits and Privileges for Surviving Dependents of Reserve Members. Public Law 104-106, 10 February 1996, extends Military Treatment Facility (MTF) care and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services eligibility to surviving dependents of Reserve members who at the time of their death, were eligible for retired pay but died before reaching age 60. Medical effective date is 10 February 1996 or date the member would have attained age 60, whichever is later. Surviving dependents are also eligible for unlimited commissary privileges.

The law removes the requirement that a member must have elected to participate in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) in order for the surviving dependents to be eligible for medical care when the member would have attained age 60, should the member die before reaching age 60.

To obtain a DD Form 1173, Identification and Privilege Card, eligible surviving dependents should visit the nearest Air Force installation, Military Personnel Flight, Customer Service Element; with a certified copy of their marriage certificate, the sponsor's death certificate, as well as a copy of the member's retired pay order or notification letter. A birth certificate is also required for unmarried children under age 21. If a copy of a the member's pay order or notification letter is not available, you may contact the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Customer Service Branch at 1-800-525-0102, (303) 676-6730, or DSN 926-6730.